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**FALL**  
SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER,  
NOVEMBER 2007



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adventures**

## COMPASS POINTS

**Bay Area National Parks Host First World Ranger Day**

In recognition of these key protectors of the world's most precious areas, the Golden Gate National Parks were host to events celebrating the first World Ranger Day, July 31, 2007. The San Francisco Bay Area National Parks—in partnership with the International Ranger Federation and the Association of National Park Rangers—hosted seminars for visiting rangers, screened the premiere of the documentary *The Thin Green Line*, and held an open house to answer the public's questions about the profession. For more on World Ranger Day, visit [www.int-ranger.net/whatsnew.html](http://www.int-ranger.net/whatsnew.html).

**Vision Check: NPS Seeks Public Input for Next 20-year Plan**

More than 25 years after crafting the original General Management Plan (GMP) for the Golden Gate National Parks, it's time once again to establish a long-term vision for the parks—and the National Park Service needs your input! This is your chance to help develop the framework that will guide the parklands at the Golden Gate for the next 20 years. Please sign up on our website, [www.nps.gov/goga/parkmgmt/planning.htm](http://www.nps.gov/goga/parkmgmt/planning.htm), to receive the next e-newsletter. And get ready to participate in one of the local workshops in November. This could be the best way to shape your parks' future!

**Your Park Fees Pave the Way for Better Trails**

Recreation fees collected at Muir Woods and Alcatraz Island have been invested in recent and upcoming trail improvements throughout the Golden Gate National Parks, including new staircases at Kirby Cove Campground, improved trail tread and drainage along the Lonely Trail in the Phleger Estate, and trail reconstruction at the Muir Beach Overlook. But wait, there's more: reconstruction of a turnpike along the Sunset Loop Trail at Fort Funston, bridge and retaining wall replacements along the Hillside Trail in Muir Woods National Monument, and improvements to the Notch Trail at Sweeney Ridge.

## SPECIAL EVENT FOR PARKS CONSERVANCY MEMBERS

**OFF-LIMITS ALCATRAZ**

Join us for a special tour of Alcatraz just for members! In addition to the audio tour, members will enjoy exclusive behind-the-scenes access to many of the Island's secret spots that are not open to the public. Please dress warmly, wear comfortable shoes, and eat lunch before meeting the group. Space for this event is limited, so each member may request a maximum of two spaces for the tour.

**Event date and time:**

Saturday, October 27, 11:45 AM

**Registration deadline:**

Friday, October 5

**Location:**

Alcatraz Island  
(Meet at Pier 33)

**Fee:** Free**How to sign up**

There are two simple ways to sign up for this members' event. (To register for all other events, please refer to the descriptions on the pages entitled "Park Events.")

Call our Membership Coordinator, Morgan Cosby, at (415) 561-3060.

E-mail us at: [membership@parksconservancy.org](mailto:membership@parksconservancy.org).

For paid events, credit card information is required upon registration. We will bill you after registration is confirmed.

Tell us your full name, telephone number, e-mail

address, number of guests, and your membership number.

Confirmation and directions will be e-mailed to you after the registration deadline. For events with limited space, we will select participants at random after the registration deadline. Please note that registration is not first-come, first-served because newsletter delivery times vary.

The member event is designated by  in the calendar pages.

Questions or comments on our publication? Please e-mail [editor@parksconservancy.org](mailto:editor@parksconservancy.org).

## D E S T I N A T I O N

**ROWDY, TAWDRY, BAWDY MORI: A SHORT HISTORY OF SCANDAL ON THE POINT**

By George Durgerian,  
Park Ranger

**F**OR A PLACE SO PEACEFUL AND PRECIOUS, Mori Point in Pacifica has a surprising history of scandal to equal any site in the Golden Gate National Parks. Not that there isn't competition: Adolph Sutro's first Cliff House was rumored to have housed ladies of ill repute; sleepy Olema Valley saw a land dispute that ended in murder in the 1860s; and U.S. Senator David Broderick died in 1859 in a house at Fort Mason following his famous duel with California Supreme Court Justice William Terry at Lake Merced. But considering its tawdry history, Mori Point might even rival Alcatraz as the parks' most notorious site.

Its story begins innocuously enough. Stefano Mori emigrated from Italy in the 1870s, starting a farm and building a ranch house on the promontory. The Mori family grazed cattle and horses, and raised brussels sprouts, cabbage, and artichokes. A kitchen built to feed ranch hands and rooms built to house them eventually developed into the Mori Point Inn, which in turn became a roadhouse for travelers on the long road between San Francisco and Half Moon Bay.

Then, Prohibition hit. During the 1920s, Stefano's son Jack turned from tavern keeper to bootlegger, running Canadian whiskey from smugglers' ships off the Point. Mori's era as a speakeasy ended when federal agents arrested Jack Mori in 1923 and confiscated 24,000 cases of whiskey from the family farm.



**Mori Point Inn, circa 1950s**

After Stefano's other son Ray reinvented the inn as a legitimate and popular restaurant, it then fell to Doug Hart. Hart loved the Moris and the Inn, but the reputa-

tion of the place faltered as it featured among its musicians Anton LaVey, the future head of the Church of Satan. Years later, when code violations led to the condemnation of Mori's, police hauled Hart away in handcuffs after he refused to leave. The inn mysteriously burned to the ground in 1966.

During the 1980s, a developer's building plans for the Point were thwarted. His strategy had been to convince Pomo Indians to claim the land for a casino, but the Pomos backed out, saying the deal was crooked. The development plans died—and the stage was set for the preservation of Mori Point once and for all.

In 2002, Mori Point got a fresh start when it was unveiled as part of the Golden Gate National Parks. These days, the National Park Service and the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy are working together to protect areas critical to the survival of the endangered San Francisco garter snake and the California red-legged frog. While trail improvements and pond-habitat construction continue this fall, detours will allow access to all of Mori Point's beauty. So pick a sunny day and come see a truly special place. Not to do so would be—quite frankly—scandalous.

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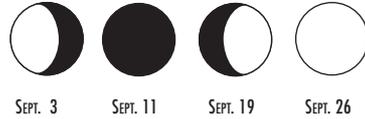
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## HOW TO USE PARK ADVENTURES

*Park Adventures* features walks, talks, volunteer opportunities, and other programs offered by the National Park Service, the Crissy Field Center, and the Presidio Trust. All programs are free (except where a fee is requested) and open to the public. The monthly calendar pages list programs by park site, date, and time. Program descriptions follow the calendar pages, are organized by park site, and include full contact and registration information.



SEPT. 3

SEPT. 11

SEPT. 19

SEPT. 26

## CRISSY FIELD CENTER

**Un Día en la Vida de Juana Briones** 10AM–NOON

## LANDS END

**Shipwrecks at the Golden Gate** 10–11 AM

## MARIN HEADLANDS

**Hawk Talk and Banding** NOON–2 PM

## MUIR WOODS

**Muir Beach Bird Walk** 9–10:30 AM

## PRESIDIO

**The Last Gun** 11 AM–3 PM

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## MARIN HEADLANDS

**Battery Townsley Open House** NOON–4 PM

**Hawk Talk and Banding** NOON–2 PM

**Living in the Headlands: From the Stone Age to the Present** 10 AM–2 PM

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## MARIN HEADLANDS

**Beginning Birding** 9:30-11:30 AM

**Hawk Talk and Banding** NOON–2 PM

## PRESIDIO

**Buffalo Soldiers at the Presidio** 1–3 PM

## SWEENEY RIDGE

**Sweeney Ridge Saunter** 11 AM–2 PM

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## MARIN HEADLANDS

**Hawk Talk and Banding** NOON–2 PM

**Trees of Kirby Cove** 11 AM–1 PM

**PRESIDIO Ridge to Bridge Ride** 10 AM–1 PM

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## CITY GUIDES

**Summer of Love Treasure Hunt** 11 AM–5:30 PM

## MARIN HEADLANDS

**Bunkers of Hill 88** 11 AM–1:30 PM

**Hawk Talk and Banding** NOON–2 PM

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## FORT FUNSTON

**Fort Funston Cleanup Day** 9:30 AM

## MARIN HEADLANDS

**Hawk Talk and Banding** NOON–2 PM

## PRESIDIO

**General Pershing's Presidio** 11 AM–12:30 PM

**The Last Gun** 11 AM–3 PM

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## FORT POINT

**Pier Crabbing** 10 AM–NOON

## MARIN HEADLANDS

**Hawk Talk and Banding** NOON–2 PM

## MILAGRA RIDGE

**Ocean Views and Bay Defense** 1–3 PM

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## PRESIDIO

**From Post to Park**

1–2:30 PM

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## PRESIDIO

**Letterman Legacy**

NOON–12:45 PM

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## PRESIDIO

**National Cemetery Walk**

10 AM–NOON  
**Tennessee Hollow Watershed**  
NOON–1:30 PM

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## MARIN HEADLANDS

**The Swing Shift**

7–9 PM

**PRESIDIO Ecological Restoration of the Waterfront**  
10:30 AM–12:30 PM

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## AT MULTIPLE SITES

**Coastal Cleanup Day** 9 AM–NOON

## MARIN HEADLANDS

**Hawk Talk and Banding** NOON–2 PM

## MUIR WOODS

**Lower Redwood Creek Walk (focus on riparian birds)** 10 AM–NOON

**Fern Walk** 10 AM–1 PM

## PRESIDIO

**Crissy Field Cleanup Day** 9 AM

**Trails into the Past** 10–11:30 AM

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## MARIN HEADLANDS

**Creatures of the Night**  
7–8:30 PM

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## FORT POINT

**Pier Crabbing** 10 AM–NOON

## MARIN HEADLANDS

**Hawk Talk and Banding** NOON–2 PM

## PACIFICA

**360 Degrees of Pacifica**

**Breakfast** 9:30 AM

**Hike** 10 AM–3:30 PM

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## PRESIDIO

**National Cemetery Walk**  
10 AM–NOON

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## MARIN HEADLANDS

**Sunset/Full Moon Walk to the Point Bonita Lighthouse**  
6:30–8:30 PM

## MUIR WOODS

**Muir Woods by Moonlight**  
6:30–8:30 PM

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## MARIN HEADLANDS

**Sunset/Full Moon Walk to the Point Bonita Lighthouse**  
6:30–8:30 PM

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## MARIN HEADLANDS

**Hawk Talk and Banding** NOON–2 PM

**How to Stop a Bulldozer** 9 AM–2 PM

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# O C T O B E R

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						<p><b>CRISSY FIELD CENTER</b>  <b>Presidio to Mission Dolores</b> 10 AM–1 PM  <b>FORT FUNSTON</b>  <b>Fort Funston Cleanup Day</b> 9:30 AM  <b>MARIN HEADLANDS</b>  <b>Hawk Talk and Banding</b> NOON–2 PM  <b>PRESIDIO</b>  <b>The Last Gun</b> 11 AM–3 PM  <b>The Presidio Invites the World!</b> 11 AM–12:30 PM</p>
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<p><b>CRISSY FIELD CENTER</b>  <b>Dunas de Lobos</b> 10 AM–NOON  <b>MARIN HEADLANDS</b>  <b>Hawk Talk and Banding</b> NOON–2 PM  <b>Nike Missile Site Open House</b> 12:30–3:30 PM  <b>MUIR WOODS</b>  <b>Muir Beach Bird Walk</b> 9–10:30 AM  <b>Watershed Hike</b> 10 AM–2 PM  <b>OCEAN BEACH</b>  <b>Beach Cleanup</b> 10 AM–NOON  <b>PRESIDIO</b> <b>The Last Gun</b> 11 AM–3 PM  <b>Wings Over Crissy Field</b> 1–3 PM</p>		<p><b>PRESIDIO</b>  <b>National Cemetery Walk</b>  10 AM–NOON  <b>Tennessee Hollow Watershed</b>  NOON–1:30 PM</p>			<p><b>MARIN HEADLANDS</b>  <b>The Swing Shift</b>  6:30–8:30 PM  <b>PRESIDIO</b>  <b>Ecological Restoration of the Waterfront</b>  10:30 AM–12:30 PM</p>	<p><b>CRISSY FIELD CENTER</b>  <b>Lobos Dunes</b> 10 AM–NOON  <b>MARIN HEADLANDS</b>  <b>Hawk Talk and Banding</b> NOON–2 PM  <b>MUIR WOODS</b>  <b>Lower Redwood Creek Walk (focus on salmon)</b> 10 AM–NOON  <b>Preparing for Winter: What the Plants and Animals Do</b> 10 AM–1 PM  <b>PRESIDIO</b>  <b>Geology of the Golden Gate Headlands</b> 10 AM–3 PM</p>
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<p><b>MARIN HEADLANDS</b>  <b>Battery Townsley Open House</b> NOON–4 PM  <b>Hawk Talk and Banding</b> NOON–2 PM  <b>MILAGRA RIDGE</b>  <b>Of Bombs and Butterflies</b> 11 AM–2 PM</p>			<p><b>PRESIDIO</b>  <b>From Post to Park</b>  1–2:30 PM</p>			<p><b>FORT POINT</b>  <b>Pier Crabbing</b> 10 AM–NOON  <b>MARIN HEADLANDS</b>  <b>Hawk Talk and Banding</b> NOON–2 PM  <b>Landscape Photo Walk</b> 9:30 AM–12:30 PM  <b>PRESIDIO</b>  <b>Crissy Field Aviation Walk</b> 10 AM–NOON  <b>Crissy Field Cleanup Day</b> 9 AM  <b>Neighborhood Walk Around Tennessee Hollow</b> 1–2:30 PM</p>
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<p><b>LANDS END</b>  <b>Shipwrecks at the Golden Gate</b> 2–3 PM  <b>MARIN HEADLANDS</b>  <b>Beginning Birding</b> 9:30–11:30 AM  <b>Hawk Talk and Banding</b> NOON–2 PM  <b>Pumpkin Time!</b> 10 AM–NOON  <b>PRESIDIO</b>  <b>Mystery Hike</b> 10 AM–NOON  <b>SWEENEY RIDGE</b>  <b>Coastal Defense</b> 1–4 PM</p>		<p><b>PRESIDIO</b>  <b>National Cemetery Walk</b>  10 AM–NOON</p>		<p><b>MARIN HEADLANDS</b>  <b>Sunset/Full Moon Walk to the Point Bonita Lighthouse</b>  5:45–7:45 PM</p>	<p><b>MARIN HEADLANDS</b>  <b>Creatures of the Night</b> 6–7:30 PM  <b>Sunset/Full Moon Walk to the Point Bonita Lighthouse</b>  5:45–7:45 PM  <b>MUIR WOODS</b>  <b>Muir Woods by Moonlight</b>  7:30–9:30 PM</p>	<p><b>ALCATRAZ</b>  <b>Off-Limits Alcatraz</b> 11:45 AM   <b>MARIN HEADLANDS</b>  <b>Hawk Talk and Banding</b> NOON–2 PM  <b>Voices in the Dark</b> 6–9 PM  <b>MUIR WOODS</b>  <b>Muir Woods Centennial Walk</b> 9 AM–NOON</p>
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<p><b>MARIN HEADLANDS</b>  <b>Harvest Festival and Halloween Mask Workshop</b> 2–4 PM  <b>Hawk Talk and Banding</b> NOON–2 PM  <b>PHLEGER ESTATE</b>  <b>By the Skin of Their Teeth</b> 10:30 AM–3:30 PM</p>			<p><b>PRESIDIO</b>  <b>The Haunted Presidio</b> 6–7:30 PM</p>			 <p>Oct. 3      Oct. 10      Oct. 19      Oct. 25</p>
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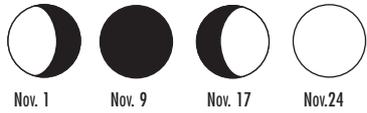
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**CRISSY FIELD CENTER**  
Day of the Dead: Legends of the Night Walk 4-7 PM

**CRISSY FIELD CENTER**  
Dia de los Muertos: Leyendas de la Noche 4-7 PM  
**FORT FUNSTON**  
Fort Funston Cleanup Day 9:30 AM  
**MUIR WOODS**  
Lower Redwood Creek Walk (focus on hydrology) 10 AM-NOON  
**PRESIDIO**  
The Last Gun 11 AM-3 PM

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**CRISSY FIELD CENTER**  
Day of the Dead: Art Adventures 1-2 PM  
Dia de los Muertos: Aventuras de Arte 10 AM-NOON  
**MARIN HEADLANDS** Nike Missile Site Open House 12:30-3:30 PM  
**MUIR WOODS**  
Muir Beach Bird Walk 9-10:30 AM  
**OCEAN BEACH** Beach Cleanup 10 AM-NOON  
**PRESIDIO** The Last Gun 11 AM-3 PM  
**SWEENEY RIDGE** San Francisco Bay Discovery Day Hike (DETAILS TBA)

**PRESIDIO**  
National Cemetery Walk 10 AM-NOON

**PRESIDIO**  
Main Post Walk 11 AM-12:30 PM

**CRISSY FIELD CENTER**  
History Comes Alive: Juana Briones 10 AM-NOON  
**MARIN HEADLANDS**  
Trees of Kirby Cove 11 AM-1 PM

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**MARIN HEADLANDS**  
Battery Townsley Open House NOON-4 PM  
Beginning Birding 9:30-11:30 AM  
**MORI POINT**  
Mori Point Meander 1-3:30 PM

**PRESIDIO**  
Patriotism and Prejudice 10 AM-NOON

**PRESIDIO**  
Tennessee Hollow Watershed NOON-1:30 PM

**PRESIDIO**  
From Post to Park 1-2:30 PM

**MARIN HEADLANDS**  
Who Is the Prey? 3:30-6:30 PM  
**PRESIDIO**  
Crissy Field Cleanup Day 9 AM  
Presidio Birdlife 9:30-11:30 AM

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**LANDS END**  
Shipwrecks at the Golden Gate 1-2 PM  
**PRESIDIO**  
Avenues of the Americas: 1776-2007 10 AM-NOON  
**SWEENEY RIDGE**  
Sweeney Ridge Saunter 11 AM-2 PM

**PRESIDIO**  
National Cemetery Walk 10 AM-NOON

**MARIN HEADLANDS**  
Sunset/Full Moon Walk to the Point Bonita Lighthouse 4:30-6:30 PM

**FORT POINT**  
Candlelight Tour 6:30-8 PM  
**MARIN HEADLANDS**  
Sunset/Full Moon Walk to the Point Bonita Lighthouse 4:30-6:30 PM

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**MARIN HEADLANDS**  
Tennessee Valley Ramble 11 AM-1:30 PM

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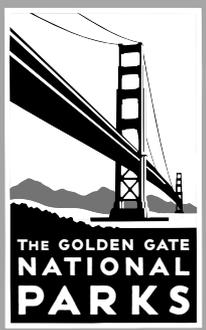
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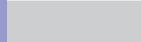
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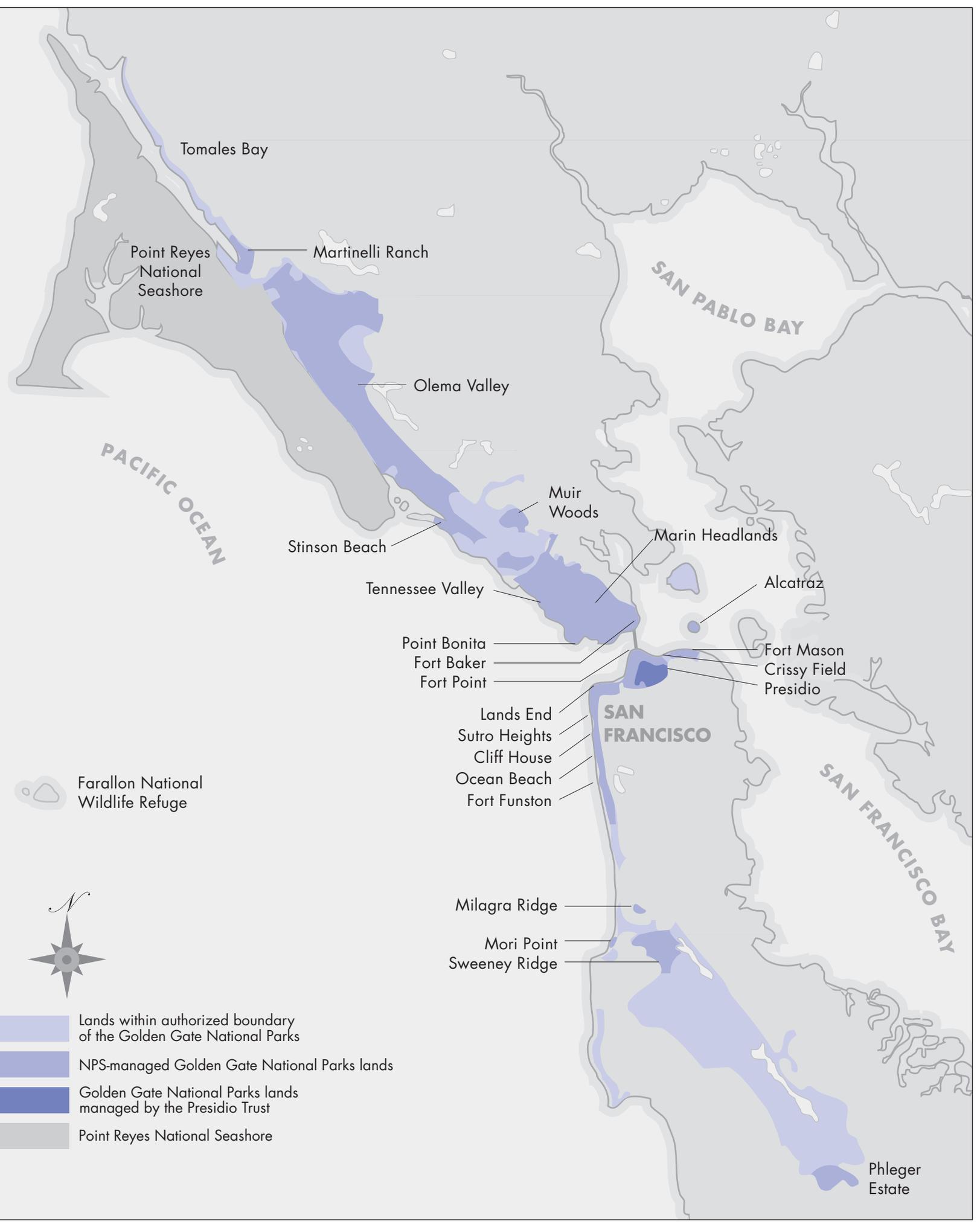
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Alcatraz Island  
 Baker Beach  
 Bolinas Ridge  
 China Beach  
 Cliff House  
 Crissy Field  
 Fort Baker  
 Fort Cronkhite  
 Fort Funston  
 Fort Mason  
 Fort Point  
 Gerbode Valley

Kirby Cove  
 Lands End  
 Marin Headlands  
 Martinelli Ranch  
 Milagra Ridge  
 Mori Point  
 Muir Beach  
 Muir Woods  
 Oakwood Valley  
 Ocean Beach  
 Olema Valley  
 Phleger Estate  
 Point Bonita  
 Presidio  
 Rodeo Beach  
 Stinson Beach  
 Sutro Heights  
 Sweeney Ridge  
 Tennessee Valley

-  Lands within authorized boundary of the Golden Gate National Parks
-  NPS-managed Golden Gate National Parks lands
-  Golden Gate National Parks lands managed by the Presidio Trust
-  Point Reyes National Seashore



# PARK EVENTS

## AT MULTIPLE SITES

### ONGOING

#### Habitat Restoration Team

Sundays (9:30 AM—2:30 PM)

The Habitat Restoration Team, established in 1988, engages community members in the management and enhancement of the Golden Gate National Parks. Volunteers and staff meet at different scenic locations to restore the parks' native habitat by removing invasive plants, transplanting native plants (winter), and seed collecting (spring through fall). Appropriate for adults and youth (chaperones are suggested for youth under age 18). Phone 561-4848 for meeting locations, directions, and carpool availability.

#### Invasive Plant Patrol

Wednesdays (10 am—2 pm)

The Invasive Plant Patrol hikes park trails to find new invasions of exotic plants, and removes localized infestations before they become uncontrolled. You'll learn to identify malicious and benign plants during these hikes that last approximately four hours. Appropriate for adults and youth (chaperones are suggested for youth under age 18). Meeting locations vary, and work dates are

sometimes intermittent; phone 561-4848 to register.

#### Site Stewardship

Saturdays (10 am—1 pm)

The Site Stewardship Program works to restore habitat for threatened and endangered species at special restoration sites in Pacifica and the Marin Headlands. Learn about local ecology and natural history while improving habitat for the mission blue butterfly, the San Francisco garter snake, the San Bruno elfin, and the red-legged frog. Projects involve a combination of hands-on work and natural history lessons. Appropriate for adults and youth ages 8 and up (chaperones suggested for youth under age 18). Meet at Fort Mason, Building 34S, San Francisco, at 9:15 AM; carpools to sites are provided. Phone 561-3077 to RSVP and for information.

#### Coastal Cleanup Day

9/15 (9 AM—NOON)

California Coastal Cleanup Day is one of the nation's premier volunteer events dedicated to the marine environment. Celebrate it in the Golden Gate National Parks! Beach cleanup activities will be held at Fort Funston, Fort Point, Lands End, Marin Headlands, Muir Woods, Ocean Beach, and the Presidio. For more information and to register for the projects in the parks, contact us at 561-3077 or e-mail [volunteer@parksconservancy.org](mailto:volunteer@parksconservancy.org). For more on this remarkable event, visit [www.coastforyou.org](http://www.coastforyou.org) and click on Coastal Cleanup Day.

#### Trail Crew Volunteers

First and third Saturdays, April to December only (9 AM—NOON) Join the Golden Gate National Parks' Trails Forever team to help repair and maintain trails, construct new routes, and protect sensitive natural habitat in Marin, the Presidio, San Francisco, and San Mateo. Appropriate for adults and youth ages 14 and up (chaperones are suggested for youth under age 18). Phone 561-3068 for locations and directions.

#### Weed Watchers

Thursdays and Sundays (9:30 AM—2 PM)

The Weed Watcher program is a volunteer-based invasive plant early detection program. Weed Watchers go on weed scouting hikes throughout the parks. The focus is on identi-

fication, not weed removal. Locations vary; call 331-5023 for directions and more information.

#### ALCATRAZ

Open daily (except for December 25 and January 1)

Join ranger-led programs, use self-guiding brochures, and take the new and improved cellhouse audio tour to learn about this historic island (transcripts of the cellhouse audio tour are available for hearing-impaired visitors). A captioned video introduction about Alcatraz history is shown every 30 minutes in the museum theater. Additional exhibits containing Alcatraz artifacts and other historic items are located in the new museum store in the basement level of the cellhouse. Phone 561-4900, 9 AM to 4 PM, for program and general information.

The SEAT (shuttle) transport is available for wheelchair users and visitors physically unable to walk up the quarter-mile, 12 percent-grade hill to the cellhouse. Children under



14 must be escorted by an adult; service animals allowed.

Daily ferry service to Alcatraz originates at Pier 33, and the cellhouse audio tour can be purchased with ferry tickets. Visit [www.alcatrazcruises.com](http://www.alcatrazcruises.com) or phone 981-ROCK for ticket reservations. Alcatraz tickets frequently sell out as much as one week in advance. Visit the Alcatraz website at [www.nps.gov/alcatraz](http://www.nps.gov/alcatraz).

All phone numbers are area code (415) unless otherwise noted.

**CC** Indicates a closed-captioned program.

**&** Indicates either full or partial wheelchair accessibility.

# PARK EVENTS

### ONGOING

#### Alcatraz—Escape from Reality

This intriguing video presentation explores the connections between Alcatraz and Hollywood.

#### Alcatraz Historic Gardens

Wednesdays and Fridays (8:30 AM—12:30 PM)

The gardens once created by military and federal prison staff and inmates on San Francisco's Alcatraz Island are being reclaimed as a joint project of The Garden Conservancy, the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, and the National Park Service. Help join the effort! Adults 18 and over are welcome. This is not a drop-in program; **registration is required**. Visit [www.parksconservancy.org](http://www.parksconservancy.org) for application materials and information.

#### We Hold the Rock

In 1969, a group of Native Americans began a highly publicized, 19-month occupation of Alcatraz Island. This marked the beginning of a modern Indian movement of America's indigenous people. This award-winning, permanent exhibit features photographs, music, video clips, and interviews with former occupiers.

Ranger-led programs are offered daily. Ask at the dock-level ranger station for times, locations, and program topics, which include:

- Alcatraz Is Indian Land
- Escapes
- Fortress Alcatraz
- The Natural Side of The Rock
- 200 Years on The Rock
- US Penitentiary Alcatraz Island

#### Alcatraz Night Tour

Feel a chill run down your spine as you venture into dark corners of this old island prison! Limited to just a few hundred visitors, the Alcatraz Night Tour programs include special topics, tours, and activities not offered during daytime hours. Buy boat tickets well in advance, as they sell out quickly. For tickets, visit [www.alcatrazcruises.com](http://www.alcatrazcruises.com) or phone 981-ROCK for ticket reservations. For program information, phone 561-4926.

#### Alcatraz Kidz Tourz

Looking for something fun, unusual, and educational to do with the kids? Join us for special family-oriented programs that include a guided tour from the dock to the prison, an audio tour of the cellhouse, and a spe-

cial program designed for kids. For more detailed information, visit [www.parksconservancy.org](http://www.parksconservancy.org). Buy boat tickets well in advance, as they sell out quickly. For tickets, visit [www.alcatrazcruises.com](http://www.alcatrazcruises.com) or phone 981-ROCK for ticket reservations. For program information, phone 561-4926.

### CITY GUIDES

#### PROGRAMS

#### Summer of Love Treasure Hunt

9/30 (11 AM—5:30 PM) Join our new park partner, City Guides, in their annual historical scavenger hunt. In the celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Summer of Love, this year's adventure will begin in Golden Gate Park's Kezar Pavilion. Call 557-4239 for more information.



#### CLIFF HOUSE

Enjoy views of the Pacific Ocean and Seal Rocks from the public outdoor terraces of the Cliff House. The

Cliff House Restaurant is open seven days a week for lunch and dinner; phone 386-3330 for reservations. The Camera Obscura on the lower terrace is open seven days a week, weather permitting; phone 750-0415 for more information. Visit the Cliff House website at [www.nps.gov/goga/clho.htm](http://www.nps.gov/goga/clho.htm).

### CRISSY FIELD CENTER

Crissy Field Center, located in Building 603 at the corner of Mason and Halleck streets in the Presidio, is open daily, 9 AM to 5 PM. Operated cooperatively by the National Park Service and the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, the Center is dedicated to viewing the environment through multicultural perspectives in partnership with communities. The Center offers a variety of educational programs, including weekend workshops for youth and families, summer camps, and seasonal events. Most programs are fee-based and suitable for all ages unless otherwise noted. For a complete quarterly catalog, registration and scholarship information, call 561-7752 or visit [www.crissyfield.org](http://www.crissyfield.org). A partial listing follows. All Crissy

Field Center programs require reservations. Pre-registration is recommended for the weekend workshops, but drop-ins are welcome on a space-available basis. Phone 561-7752 to register. Seasonal events offered on a drop-in basis, unless otherwise noted. All programs meet at the Crissy Field Center, with exceptions indicated.

### PROGRAMS

#### Day of the Dead:

**Art Adventures** 11/4 (1—2 PM) Hear stories about Día de los Muertos and create your own Day of the Dead art, decorating a traditional cheery *calaca* to add to your Day of the Dead altar. Family class: \$8 per person. To register, call 561-7752 or 561-4405.

#### Day of the Dead: Legends of the Night Walk

11/2 (4—7 PM) Face painting and spine-tingling tales on a lantern-lit walk! Share family traditions and stories while we enjoy Mexican hot chocolate and Day of the Dead bread. For families with children 7 and up. Fee: \$8 per person; call 561-7752 or 561-4405 to register.

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## Día de los Muertos: Aventuras de Arte

11/4 (10 AM—NOON)\*

Escuche cuentos del Día de los Muertos y venga a crear arte, decorando una calaca tradicional para decorar su Altar del día de los Muertos. Para toda la familia. Para registrarse llame 561-4405.

## Día de los Muertos: Leyendas de la Noche

11/3 (4—7 PM)\*

Pintémonos las Caras de calaca! Visitemos el cementerio en una caminata alumbrada por linternas. Compartamos cuentos escalofriantes, chocolate caliente y pan de muerto. Familias con niños de 7 años o más; para registrarse llame 561-4405.

## Dunas de Lobos

10/7 (10 AM—NOON)\*

Venga y disfrute los tesoros culturales y naturales de su parque por medio de una divertida búsqueda de fauna. Visite una comunidad de plantas nativas, frágiles pero perseverantes y sus usos medicinales. Gratis. Familias con niños de 5 a 9 años de edad. Para registrarse llame al 561-4405.

\*Program presented in Spanish with English translation provided.

## Crissy Field en Español

If Spanish is your first language, you and your family can take advantage of our Spanish-language walking tours and workshops. Ranger Fatima Colindres is your guide to a different experience the first Sunday of most months. This fall, join her for Day of the Dead festivities, explorations of Lobos Dunes, and a look at the life of Juana Briones, one of the area's founding matriarchs. Call 561-4405 for more information.

## Un Día en la Vida de Juana Briones (9/2)\*

Dunas de Lobos (10/7)\*

## Día de los Muertos: Leyendas de la Noche (11/3)\*

Día de los Muertos:  
Aventuras de Arte (11/4)\*

## History Comes Alive: Juana Briones

11/10 (10 AM—NOON)

Have you ever wanted to grind corn or make your own tortilla? Come experience a day in the life of Juana Briones and discover the healing powers of plants. Fee: \$8 per family of four, \$4 for each additional par-

ticipant. For families with children ages 5-9. To register, call 561-7752 or 561-4405.

## Lobos Dunes

10/13 (10 AM—NOON)

Discover the hidden treasures of your park through a fun scavenger hunt. Search for wildlife and learn cultural uses of fragile but enduring plants found in this restored habitat. Free. For families with children ages 5-9. To register, please call 561-7752 or 561-4405.

## Presidio to Mission Dolores

10/6 (10 AM—1 PM)

A ranger-led, four-mile journey through early California history. Join in the fun at the Mission Fiesta at the end of walk. Participants must make their own return trip arrangements. Free. For families with children ages 7 and up. To register call 561-7752 or 561-4405.

## Un Día en la Vida de Juana Briones

9/2 (10 AM—NOON)\*

¿Alguna vez ha querido moler nistamal y cocinar sus propias tortillas? Acompañeme y viva un día en la vida de Juana y conozca algunas plantas y sus secretos medicinales. Gratis. Familias con niños de 5 a 9 años de

edad. Inscripción es necesaria llame a 561-4405.

## FORT FUNSTON

### ONGOING

#### Fort Funston Cleanup Day

9/1, 10/6, 11/3 (9:30 AM)

Bring dogs, friends, and family to help keep Fort Funston clean for everyone; held in conjunction with Fort Funston Dogwalkers. Bring gloves; trash bags are provided. Volunteers meet on the first Saturday morning of the month in the parking lot. For more information, phone Fort Funston Dogs at 468-1262.

#### Fort Funston Nursery and Stewardship/The Fort Funston Green Team

Saturdays (9:30 AM—12:30 PM)

The Fort Funston Nursery, one of five native plant nurseries in the park, grows 25,000 plants per year. The Green Team volunteers participate in seed collection, propagation, transplanting, pruning, weeding, and outplanting. Appropriate for adults and youth ages 10 and up (chaperones are suggested for youth under age 18). RSVP is requested; phone 239-4247 for information, registration, and directions.

## FORT MASON

### ONGOING

#### Fort Mason Gardeners



Tuesdays (9 AM—NOON)  
Work with National Park Service gardeners—and enjoy views of the Golden Gate Bridge from Fort Mason, home to Golden Gate National Recreation Area headquarters.

Appropriate for adults and youth (chaperones suggested for youth under age 18). Meet in front of Building 112 (near Phil Burton statue). Phone 561-4199 for more information and to RSVP.

## FORT POINT

During the retrofit of the Golden Gate Bridge, the Fort will be open on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays only, from 10 AM to 5 PM. Phone 556-1693 to verify access hours. For more information, visit the Fort Point website at [www.nps.gov/fopo](http://www.nps.gov/fopo).

### ONGOING

#### “Building the Golden Gate Bridge”

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Video made by Bethlehem Steel on the construction of this national engineering landmark. &

## Cannon Loading Demonstrations

Discover how soldiers were taught to load and fire a Napoleon 12-pounder cannon as part of a typical Civil War artillery drill.

## “Fort Point, Guardian of the Golden Gate”

Award-winning, 30-minute video program about the history of Fort Point from 1776 through World War II. Shown throughout the day. &

The Fort Point staff offers a variety of programs; a schedule is posted at the Fort's entrance.

### PROGRAMS

#### Candlelight Tour

11/24 (6:30—8 PM)

See Fort Point by the light of candles and stars on this evening tour of the old fortress. Reservations required; please call 556-1693.

#### Pier Crabbing

9/8, 9/22, 10/20 (10 AM—NOON)

Learn about crabbing in the San Francisco Bay. We'll discuss equipment, bait, and regulations—and then let you try your luck with our

nets. Reservations required; call 556-1693.

## LANDS END

### ONGOING

#### Lands End Stewardship

Thursdays and Saturdays

(1—4 PM)

Become a Lands End Steward and help restore unique coastal habitat



and enhance the trail systems along Lands End. Appropriate for adults, families, and youth ages 14 and up (chaperones are suggested for youth under age 18). Meeting locations vary; phone 385-3065 for more information.

## Shipwrecks at the Golden Gate

9/2 (10—11 AM), 10/21 (2—3 PM),

11/18 (1—2 PM)

On a moderately strenuous hike, see and learn about the ships that perished on the rocky cliffs of the Golden Gate just north of 48th and Point Lobos avenues. Meet docent Rich Harned at the USS San Francisco Memorial parking lot on El Camino del Mar. Reservations required; call 561-4323.

## THE MARIN HEADLANDS

The Marin Headlands Visitor Center, once an army chapel, is open daily, 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM, and is a great place to begin your park explorations, relax after a hike, or enjoy our award-winning exhibits.

Park visitors with limited mobility can now navigate the sands of Rodeo Beach by using a sand wheelchair (purchased with the help of a Whale Tale Grant from the California Coastal Commission). The chair is available free-of-charge, and can be checked out daily, 10 AM to 3 PM, at the Marine Mammal Visitor Center at Rodeo Beach.

Unless otherwise noted, all programs require reservations. For general information and to make reservations, phone 331-1540. Visit [www.nps.gov/goga/marin-headlands.htm](http://www.nps.gov/goga/marin-headlands.htm).

### ONGOING

#### Battery Townsley Open House

9/9, 10/14, 11/11 (NOON—4 PM)

Open the second Sunday of each month. Battery Townsley at Fort Cronkhite was San Francisco's most extensive—and most secret—World War II military fortification. From 1940 to 1948, it mounted two massive battleship guns and housed more than 100 soldiers in an extensive network of underground tunnels; during the Cold War, it was used as an underground research facility.

Long closed to public access, Battery Townsley now is being refurbished and the public is invited to visit and explore this labyrinthine fortification. Battery Townsley is reached via a moderately strenuous hike up the Coastal Trail approximately ½-mile north of the Rodeo Beach parking lot. For further assistance to the site, call 331-1540.

## Marin Headlands Nursery

Wednesdays (1—4 PM)

Saturdays (9 AM—NOON)

Come grow with us at the Marin Headlands Native Plant Nursery! Each year, we grow over 30,000 plants to restore habitats within the Marin Headlands. The dedication and support of our volunteers are vital in the effort to grow plants, collect seeds, maintain the nursery facility, and much more. Appropriate for adults and youth ages 11 and up (chaperones suggested for youth under age 18). RSVP requested; phone 332-5193 for information.

Also Headlands Seed Collection, Wednesdays from May to September (9:30 AM—NOON).

## Nike Missile Site Open House

10/7, 11/4 (12:30—3:30 PM)

Open the first Sunday of each month (*note: closed on 9/2*), and Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday afternoons. Unique in the National Park Service, this restored Cold War anti-aircraft missile site has stories to tell. Leashed pets are welcome. For updated hours or tours, phone 331-1453. Buildings above ground are accessible &. Visit the Nike missile website at [www.nps.gov/goga/nike-missile-site.htm](http://www.nps.gov/goga/nike-missile-site.htm).

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## Point Bonita Lighthouse



Open Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays (12:30—3:30 PM) Meet Point Bonita docents along the lighthouse trail. This hidden, historic setting offers breathtaking views and many stories. The ½-mile trail is steep in places. For more information, phone 331-1540. Visit the Point Bonita Lighthouse website at [www.nps.gov/goga/pobo.htm](http://www.nps.gov/goga/pobo.htm).

## Tennessee Valley Native Plant Nursery and Stewardship

Tuesdays (10 AM—NOON, 1—4 PM)

The Tennessee Valley Nursery grows plants for more than a dozen restoration sites in the park, from Olema to the Marin Headlands. Help improve native habitat by removing invasive plants, outplanting, transplanting seedlings, pruning, and seed collecting. Appropriate for adults and youth ages 15 and up (chaperones are suggested for youth under age 18). RSVP is requested; phone 331-0732 for information.

## PROGRAMS

### Beginning Birding

9/16, 10/21, 11/11 (9:30—11:30 AM) Come join docent Jane Haley on an easy walk to Rodeo Lagoon to discover the fall birds of the Marin Headlands. Bring binoculars and field guides. Appropriate for ages 8 and up. Meet at the Marin Headlands Visitor Center. For reservations, phone 331-1540.

### Bunkers of Hill 88

9/30 (11 AM—1:30 PM) Take a strenuous three-mile roundtrip hike up Hill 88 to enjoy breathtaking views and learn about gun emplacements and anti-aircraft sites in the Headlands. Meet Katrina Wagner at the Rodeo Beach fire gate. Bring lunch. For reservations, phone 331-1540.

### Coastal Cleanup Day

9/15 (9 AM—NOON) Join us for the 23rd annual Coastal Cleanup Day! Volunteer to clean Stinson, Rodeo, or Muir Beach and enjoy a complimentary barbecue afterwards at the Bay Model in Sausalito. Contact Keley Stock at 332-3871 or (800) COAST-4U or email

[coast4u@coastal.ca.gov](mailto:coast4u@coastal.ca.gov) to learn about opportunities to help.

### Creatures of the Night

9/21 (7—8:30 PM), 10/26 (6—7:30 PM) Who lurks beneath the darkness and why? Join Ranger Suzanne Pegas to explore some of the secrets of night creatures and how they use their senses to make the darkness their time of action!

The program will include a presenta-



tion, games, and a short walk into the night. We will focus on some of the most common creatures of the Headlands nightlife. Meet at the Marin Headlands Hostel, just up the hill from the Marin Headlands Visitor Center. For program reservations, phone 331-1540. For hostel information, call 331-2777.

## Harvest Festival and Halloween Mask Workshop

10/28 (2—4 PM)

Make masks for the season using non-native materials found around the Headlands. Sample heirloom apples and delicious cider. Make hand-made besom brooms. Meet artist Katrina Wagner and intern Susan Porter Beckstead at the Marin Headlands Visitor Center. Reservations required, phone 331-1540. &

## Hawk Talk and Banding

Saturdays and Sundays

in Sept., Oct. (NOON—2 PM)

A Golden Gate Raptor Observatory volunteer gives an hour-long talk about hawk migration, identification, and monitoring. At 1 PM a newly-banded hawk is presented, a volunteer talks about GGRO's banding program, and the hawk is released. No registration necessary; meet on top of Hawk Hill at noon. Visit [www.ggro.org](http://www.ggro.org) or call 331-0730 for more information. Call in case of heavy rain/fog.

## How to Stop a Bulldozer

9/29 (9 AM—2 PM)

How did Bay Area citizens successfully challenge a multinational corporation and a powerful developer

and stop a city from being built in the Headlands? Join Park Ranger Roxi Farwell to experience an amazing story of preservation and perseverance on this six-mile, moderately strenuous hike. Meet at the Marin Headlands Visitor Center. Reservations required; call 331-1540.

## Landscape Photo Walk

10/20 (9:30 AM—12:30 PM)

Trek up a short hill to capture spectacular views of the Golden Gate Bridge, San Francisco, and the Bay. Look in the other direction for a sweeping view of Rodeo Valley out to the Pacific. Bring camera gear and water for this moderate two-mile walk. Meet landscape photographer Al Greening at the Marin Headlands Visitor Center. For reservations, phone 331-1540.

## Living in the Headlands: From the Stone Age to the Present

9/9 (10 AM—2 PM)

From the earliest native Americans to current environmentalists, the Headlands has been home to many different groups of people. On this five-mile moderately strenuous hike, we'll retrace the footsteps of some of these residents, see how they made use of the land—and left

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their mark on it. Dress in layers; bring water, lunch, and sunscreen. Meet Susan Ovington inside the Marin Headlands Visitor Center.

## Pumpkin Time!

10/21 (10 AM—NOON)

Bring the whole family—and a pumpkin or two—as we celebrate an Irishman named “Stingy Jack” and his immortal soul, the jack-o'-lantern. With Ranger Bob, learn to paint, carve, and decorate this popular fruit (no, it's not a vegetable!) and share some Halloween folklore and recipes that are truly scary. Meet at the Marin Headlands Visitor Center. Program limited to 30 people. Reservations required; phone 331-1540.

## Sunset/Full Moon Walk to the Point Bonita Lighthouse

9/26, 9/27 (6:30—8:30 PM); 10/25, 10/26 (5:45—7:45 PM); 11/23, 11/24 (4:30—6:30 PM)

Watch the setting sun and greet the rising moon at this wild edge of the continent. The ½-mile trail is steep in places. Dress warmly and bring a flashlight. Meet park staff and docents at Point Bonita Lighthouse trailhead. Limited to 40 people. Program fills quickly; make required reservation by calling 331-1540.

## Tennessee Valley Ramble

11/25 (11 AM—1:30 PM)

On a moderate two-mile, one-way hike to the beach, examine patterns of life on the landscape and imagine how humans have figured in the picture over time. Stay and enjoy lunch on the beach, or hike back at your own pace. Meet Katrina Wagner at the Tennessee Valley trailhead. Heavy rain cancels. For reservations, phone 331-1540.

## The Swing Shift

9/14 (7—9 PM), 10/12 (6:30—8:30 PM)

Wildlife in the Marin Headlands turn up the volume at night. Join Ranger Suzanne Pegas for a moderate two-mile walk to breathe the sea air, listen hard, and let your eyes adjust to the darkness. Explore the night sky and see the Headlands from the perspective of our nocturnal residents. Meet outside Warehouse T-1111, just past the Marin Headlands Visitor Center on Bunker Road. For reservations, call 331-1540.

## Trees of Kirby Cove

9/23, 11/10 (11 AM—1 PM)

Scattered amongst the coastal scrub and grasslands, the trees of the Marin Headlands reveal much about the landscape and human history

north of the Golden Gate. Bring water and lunch. Stay and enjoy lunch on the bluffs above Kirby Beach and hike back at your own pace. Meet David Szczesny at the Battery Spencer parking area on Conzelman Road for this moderate two-mile (one-way) hike to Kirby Cove. For reservations, phone 331-1540.

## Voices in the Dark

10/27 (6—9 PM)

Join us for a special six-mile, relatively flat, dusk-to-night hike in search of the two inhabitants—the coyote and the great horned owl—whose nightly sounds “haunt” many of our human visitors. Along the way, we will learn more about the secret lives of these reclusive creatures. Dress in layers and bring a flashlight, water, and a snack. Meet Steffen Bartschat at the Tennessee Valley trailhead. Reservations required; phone 331-1540.

## Who Is the Prey?

11/17 (3:30—6:30 PM)

As we sit on our ridge-top perch and marvel at the sunset, we scan for our most elusive visitor—the mountain lion. Along the relatively strenuous eight-mile hike, we'll make stops to learn more about this fascinating predator and its relationship with

humans. Bring warm layers, flashlight, water, and a snack. Meet at Tennessee Valley trailhead. Reservations required; phone 331-1540.

## MILARGA RIDGE

### PROGRAMS

### Ocean Views and Bay Defense

9/8 (1—3 PM)

Pacifica historian Jerry Crow tells the tales of former coast-defense gun emplacements and a missile launch site during this moderate three-mile walk. Some wildflowers will still be in bloom at this remarkable site of successful stewardship, and visitors here often see a variety of hawks—and always fine ocean views. Turn north (uphill) at the intersection of Sharp Park Road and College Drive, and meet at the gate. For information, call (415) 561-4323. Leashed pets welcome.

### Of Bombs and Butterflies

10/14 (11 AM—2 PM)

Take an easy stroll with Nike veteran David Bridgman along Pacifica's Milagra Ridge—a former gun emplacement, Nike missile site, and now the last stand for a quarter-sized endangered butterfly. Turn north (uphill) at the traffic light at the intersection of Sharp Park Road

and College Drive, and meet at the gate. For information, call (415) 561-4323. Leashed pets welcome.

## MORI POINT

### PROGRAMS

### Mori Point Meander

11/11 (1—3:30 PM)

Highlighted by great views and stories from Pacifica historian Jerry Crow, this moderate three-mile hike through restored San Francisco garter snake and red-legged frog habitat leads to the site of a former sand-dredging operation and location of infamous Mori's tavern. Park behind the Moose Lodge at the south end of Bradford Way. Bring layers; only heavy rain cancels. For information, phone (415) 561-4323. Leashed pets welcome.

## MUIR WOODS

Open every day, including holidays, between 8 AM and sunset. Muir Beach and Muir Beach Overlook are open from 9 AM to one hour after sunset. There is a \$3 entrance fee for ages 16 and up through Sept 30. **Beginning October 1 the entrance fee will be \$5 for ages 16 and up.**

Avoid traffic hassles. Ride the Muir Woods Shuttle on weekends and

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holidays from May 5 through the end of September. This year, the bus will stop at the Sausalito Ferry, Marin City, and Manzanita Park and Ride Lot. Click "Plan Your Visit" on our website [www.nps.gov/muwo/](http://www.nps.gov/muwo/).

## ONGOING

### Daily Programs

Rangers and volunteers present 15-minute ecology talks and guided one-hour tours when staffing permits. Check the program board at the park entrance for times and locations of talks and tours. No reservations necessary.

### Muir Woods Junior Rangers

Young people between the ages of 6 and 12 can become Muir Woods Junior Rangers. Ask about this program at the Information Table or in the Visitor Center.

### Redwood Creek Native Plant Nursery and Stewardship

Wednesdays and Saturdays  
(10 AM—1 PM)

Join us in the majestic redwoods of Muir Woods and the scenic Redwood Creek watershed to protect and enhance habitat. You'll learn how to grow and care for the native plants in the nursery, as well as help plant and maintain restoration sites. Ap-

propriate for adults and youth ages 10 and up (chaperones suggested for youth under age 18). RSVP for meeting locations and directions; phone 383-4390.

### Muir Woods Nature Hotline

Phone the Muir Woods Hotline at 388-2595, for updates on hours, seasonal news, trail conditions, and special program details. All programs meet at the Visitor Center unless otherwise indicated. For program reservations, phone 388-2596.

## PROGRAMS

### Coastal Cleanup Day

9/15 (9 AM—NOON)

Volunteer to clean Stinson, Rodeo, or Muir Beach and enjoy a complimentary barbecue afterwards at the Bay Model in Sausalito. Phone 388-2596 to learn about opportunities to help at this statewide event.

### Fern Walk

9/15 (10 AM—1 PM)

Join naturalist Robert Mackler on an easy three-mile walk to identify the ferns of Muir Woods and learn about the life cycle of these primitive plants. Ages 14 and up.

### Lower Redwood Creek Walks

9/15, 10/13, 11/3 (10 AM—NOON)

You've probably hiked through Mt. Tam State Park, or strolled Muir Woods National Monument and the upper Redwood Creek Watershed. But very few people have ever gotten a close look at lower Redwood Creek. Stream restoration projects at the Banducci site give us reason



to highlight this natural treasure. Learn more about hydrology, riparian birds, and fish in this series of walks and talks. Meet at Muir Beach

parking lot. Call 561-4859 for information and directions.

### Muir Beach Bird Walk

9/2, 10/7, 11/4 (9—10:30 AM)

Join the Ong family on an easy one-mile walk to view birds in coastal, riparian, and lagoon habitats. This activity is suitable for beginning through advanced birders, ages 8

and up. Bring binoculars if you have them and dress for cool, windy weather. Rain cancels. Meet at Muir Beach picnic area. For information and reservations, phone 388-2596.

### Muir Woods by Moonlight

9/26 (6:30—8:30 PM),

10/26 (7:30—9:30 PM)

Explore the magic of Muir Woods under a full moon, learning about the secret nightlife of an old-growth redwood forest. Dress for the weather and bring a flashlight. Children under

8 years not advised. Less than two miles round-trip, flat and paved. For information and reservations, phone 388-2596.

### Muir Woods Centennial Walk

10/27 (9 AM—NOON)

Have we been preserving or conserving this ancient old-growth forest of California coast redwoods? Join Evelyn Rose for this moderate two-mile round trip walk through Redwood Canyon. We'll review the history of Muir Woods and view historical photographs to discover how changes over the past 100 years have impacted the Monument. For reservations, phone 388-2596.

### Preparing for Winter: What the Plants and Animals Do

10/13 (10 AM—1 PM)

Join naturalist Robert Mackler for a moderate three-mile walk focusing on the natural history of Muir Woods. This program is geared to adults and responsible teens.

### Watershed Hike

10/7 (10 AM—2 PM)

Join Catherine Ramberg for a moderately strenuous six-mile round trip hike through the ancient redwood forest and into the tributary valleys of Redwood Creek. Along the way you will discover the beauty and history of the watershed. Bring lunch. Reservations required; call 388-2596.

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## OCEAN BEACH

### ONGOING

### Beach and Fire Ring Cleanup

Sundays (10 AM—NOON)

Help clean up Ocean Beach in conjunction with the San Francisco Chapter of the Surfriders. Bring gloves; trash bags are provided. Fire ring cleanup occurs on most Sundays (through Sept. 30); general cleanup usually takes place on the first Sunday of the month. Check [www.sfsurfrider.org/prog.htm](http://www.sfsurfrider.org/prog.htm) to confirm dates and locations.

### Ocean Beach Cleanup

First Saturday of each month  
(10 AM—NOON)

Join the National Park Service and Parks Conservancy in cleaning up this much-loved stretch of sand in San Francisco. For information, call 561-3013.

## PACIFICA

A multi-agency visitor center, located in the Pacifica Chamber of Commerce office at Rockaway Beach, is open seven days a week and offers exhibits and information on recreational activities throughout the Pacifica area. Phone (650) 355-4122 for directions and information.

## PROGRAMS

### 360 Degrees of Pacifica

9/22 (10 AM—3:30 PM)

Join Park Ranger George Durgerian on a grand tour of the national park sites in Pacifica: Milagra Ridge, Sweeney Ridge, and Mori Point. Hear stories of the bombs, bootlegging, and bedeviled bulldozers that make these sites so fascinating. Fairly strenuous, 7½-mile hike. Bring lunch, water, and good shoes. Meet at Salada Beach Café, 220 Paloma, Pacifica at 9:30 for breakfast or 10:00 for hike. Call (415) 561-4323 for reservations and information.

## PHLEGER ESTATE

### PROGRAMS

### By the Skin of Their Teeth

10/28 (10:30 AM—3:30 PM)

How did five idealists on a budget save a \$30 million forest? Join Park Ranger George Durgerian and find out, while hiking through the quietest redwood and evergreen woodlands in the park. Fairly strenuous, 6½ miles. Meet inside entrance kiosk at Huddart County Park in Woodside. Note: Huddart charges a \$5 entrance fee. Call (415) 561-4323 for reservations and information.

## PRESIDIO

Many of the programs listed here meet at the Presidio Visitor Center, located inside the Presidio Officers Club, 50 Moraga Avenue at Arguello Boulevard (Main Post area). The Visitor Center is open daily from 9 AM to 5 PM. For information, call 561-4323 or visit [www.nps.gov/prsf](http://www.nps.gov/prsf).

## SPECIAL EXHIBIT

### California Watercolor Association 2007 Award Winners

October 6—December 2

Open Wednesday to Sunday, 11 AM—5 PM

Presidio Officers Club Exhibition Hall, 50 Moraga Avenue; free



## ONGOING

### Crissy Field Cleanup Day

9/15, 10/20, 11/17 (9 AM)

Bring dogs, friends, and family to this monthly event and help keep Crissy Field clean of litter and dog waste. Bring gloves; trash bags are provided. Clean-up areas include the east and central beaches and the

promenade area. Volunteers meet the third Saturday of the month at the East Beach parking lot picnic tables. E-mail Crissy Field Dogs at [crissyfielddogs@sbcglobal.net](mailto:crissyfielddogs@sbcglobal.net) for information and to confirm event, as it is occasionally rescheduled.

### Crissy Field Landscape

Thursdays (9 AM—NOON)

Help keep Crissy Field clean, green, and free of invasive weeds. Projects include winter beach clean-ups, trail maintenance along the promenade, broad-leaf plant removal, and reseeding from greenbelt areas. Appropriate for adults and youth ages 10 and up (chaperones are suggested for youth under age 18). RSVP is requested; phone 561-4325 for information.

### Presidio Native Plant Nursery

Wednesdays and Saturdays  
(1—4 PM)

This nursery grows more than 60,000 plants per year! Learn to grow and care for native plants by transplanting seedlings, pruning, composting, seed collecting, and outplanting. Appropriate for adults and youth ages 10 and up (chaperones are suggested for youth under

age 18). Meet at the nursery, which is located at 1244 Appleton Street, San Francisco. Phone 561-4826 for more information and directions.

### Presidio Park Stewards

Wednesdays and Saturdays  
(9 AM—NOON)

Help enhance rare native plant habitat and create important wildlife corridors in the Presidio of San Francisco while learning about dune and serpentine systems and working in diverse habitats. Activities include invasive plant removal and native plant revegetation. Appropriate for adults and youth ages 10 and up (chaperones suggested for youth under age 18). Phone 561-3034, ext. 3445, to RSVP and for information, meeting locations, and directions.

### Presidio Plant Patrol

Fridays (1—4 PM)

Help eradicate noxious weeds that pose threats to the native biodiversity of Presidio plants and animals. Work sites are in many of the Presidio's out-of-the-way areas. Appropriate for adults and youth ages 10 and up (chaperones suggested for youth under age 18). Meet at 12:50 PM at the Field Office Building, 1539 Pershing Drive and Lincoln Boule-

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ward (Richmond District). RSVP requested; phone 561-3034, ext. 3445.

## The Last Gun

9/1, 9/2, 10/6, 10/7, 11/3, 11/4  
(11 AM—3 PM)

How can a 50-ton gun simply disappear? Learn this and more while helping load and aim the last operational gun of its kind. Photos of the century-old Endicott system batteries in action are on display in an underground cartridge room. Rain cancels. Located at Battery Chamberlin, north end of Baker Beach parking lot. 11 AM to 3 PM, first full weekend of each month.

## PROGRAMS

### Avenues of the Americas: 1776-2007

11/18 (10 AM—NOON)

Hear stories of the people whose names adorn the Presidio's historic street signs. This easy one-mile walk is a bilingual presentation in Spanish and English. Dress in layers and wear comfortable shoes for walking. Meet rangers Fatima Colindres and Rik Penn at the Officers Club, corner of Moraga Ave. and Arguello Blvd. Reservations required; call 561-4323.

### Buffalo Soldiers at the Presidio

9/16 (1—3 PM)

Join a two-mile moderate walk and learn the storied history of some of America's forgotten heroes. Dress in layers and wear comfortable shoes. Meet Ranger Rik Penn at the Lombard Gate. Reservations required; call 561-4323

### Crissy Field Aviation Walk

10/20 (10 AM—NOON)

Explore Crissy Field and learn about its role in early aviation on this easy, one-mile walk. Meet docent Don Gray at the Warming Hut, at the west end of Mason Street. Reservations required; call 561-4323. &

### Ecological Restoration of the Waterfront

9/14, 10/12 (10:30 AM—12:30 PM)

Experience Crissy Field's living tidal salt marsh on this easy, two-mile walk. We will savor the wind, tides, sand, plants, and people that affect this ecosystem. Rain cancels. Meet docent Bob Halsey at the corner of Halleck and Mason in front of Crissy Field Center. Reservations required; call 561-4323.

### From Post to Park

9/5, 10/17, 11/14 (1—2:30 PM)

Learn about the past, present and future of the Presidio on a moderate one-mile walk. Meet docent Rich Harned at the Officers Club, corner of Moraga Ave. and Arguello Blvd. Reservations required; call 561-4323. &



### General Pershing's Presidio

9/1 (11 AM—12:30 PM)

Visit sites from "Black Jack" Pershing's time and learn about army life at the Presidio in the years before World War I on a 1½-mile walk. Meet docent Bob Bowen at the flagpole near Arguello and Moraga. Reservations required; call 561-4323. &

### Geology of the Golden Gate Headlands

10/13 (10 AM—3 PM)

Explore 200 million years of geology and learn the fascinating story told by the rocks at the Golden Gate. Bring a lunch; wear comfortable walking shoes and a coat. Trip includes a short but strenuous walk down and up a 200-foot bluff. Meet

Ranger Will Elder at Crissy Field Center, corner of Halleck and Mason St. We will carpool to the Marin Headlands. Reservations required; call 561-4323.

### Letterman Legacy

9/12 (NOON—12:45 PM)

Learn about Letterman Hospital's history and its future while walking around the new and old buildings. Meet Ranger Marcus Combs

at the flagpole by the corner of Lincoln Blvd. and Torney Ave. &

### Main Post Walk

11/7 (11 AM—12:30 PM)

Learn about the past, present, and future of the Presidio on a moderate one-mile walk. Meet Ranger Marcus Combs at the Officers Club, corner of Moraga Ave. and Arguello Blvd. Reservations required; call 561-4323. &

### Mystery Hike

10/21 (10 AM—NOON)

Even if you think you know the Presidio, you'll be captivated by this moderate three-mile saunter up and down the park. Meet Ranger James Osborne at the Warming Hut, at the west end of Mason Street.

### National Cemetery Walk

9/11, 9/25, 10/9, 10/23, 11/6, 11/20  
(10 AM—NOON)

Hear about Medal of Honor recipients, a Union spy, an Indian scout, Buffalo Soldiers, and others buried here. Dress warmly. This one-mile walk has a steep uphill climb. Meet docent Galen Dillman for this program. Call for meeting place. Reservations required; phone 561-4323.

### Neighborhood Walk Around Tennessee Hollow

10/20 (1—2:30 PM)

Find out how Tennessee Hollow got its name on a scenic stroll around one of the most historic Presidio neighborhoods and learn about its past, present, and future. Meet Ranger Marcus Combs at the corner of Lincoln and Presidio Bldvs for this moderate 1½-mile walk. Reservations required; call 561-4323.

### Patriotism and Prejudice

11/12 (10 AM—NOON)

Japanese-American soldiers trained here for intelligence work and were sent to war as their families were moved to internment camps. Learn about this paradox on a ½-mile walk. Meet Ranger James Osborne at Crissy Field Center, corner of Hal-

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leck and Mason Streets. Reservations required; call 561-4323. &

### Presidio Birdlife

11/17 (9:30—11:30 AM)

See and learn about diverse Presidio birdlife on a moderate one-mile walk. Meet Ranger Will Elder at Crissy Field Center, corner of Mason and Halleck streets. Reservations required; call 561-4323.



### Ridge to Bridge Ride

9/23 (10 AM—1 PM)

Experience the national parks straddling the Golden Gate as we cycle to the Marin Headlands and back on a strenuous 12-mile loop. Helmet required. Meet Ranger James Osborne at the Officers Club, corner of Moraga Ave. and Arguello Blvd. Reservations required; call 561-4323.

### Tennessee Hollow Watershed

9/11, 10/9, 11/13 (NOON—1:30 PM)

Discover El Polin Spring on a moderate, one-mile walk. Explore the history of this unique ecosystem where fresh water flows to the Crissy Marsh, serpentine grasslands bloom, and fertility myths were born. Wear

shoes suitable for descending and climbing slopes. Rain cancels. Meet docent at Inspiration Point for this program. Reservations required; call 561-4323.

### The Haunted Presidio

10/31 (6—7:30 PM)

Take a walk on the wild side with spine-tingling tales of the Presidio's history. Dress warmly, wear comfortable shoes and bring a flashlight (optional). Meet Ranger Rik Penn at the corner of Lincoln Blvd. and Funston Ave. for a moderate one-mile walk. Reservations required; call 561-4323.

### The Presidio Invites the World!

10/6 (11 AM—12:30 PM)

San Francisco celebrated the opening of the Panama Canal and its recovery from the 1906 Earthquake and Fire with the Panama-Pacific International Exposition. Explore the grounds of foreign and state pavilions and learn the Presidio's role. Meet docent Bob Bowen at Crissy Field Center. Reservations required; call 561-4323.

### Trails into the Past

9/15 (10—11:30 AM)

Walk in the footsteps of the Ohlone

gatherers, Spanish priests, and U.S. soldiers as you learn about the complex history of the Presidio on a two-mile moderate walk. Meet Ranger Will Elder at Crissy Field Center. Reservations required; call 561-4323.

### Wings Over Crissy Field

10/7 (1—3 PM)

Born from the remnants of the 1915 World's Fair (the Panama-Pacific Exhibition), Crissy Field became the site of some of the most daring innovations in the early history of aviation. Meet Ranger Rik Penn at the Warming Hut, at the west end of Mason Street for an easy two-mile walk. Reservations required; call 561-4323. &



### STINSON BEACH

The beach is open daily for picnics and recreational activities, from 9 AM to shortly after sunset. No lifeguards on duty during winter. For updates on hours and latest surf, tide, road, and weather conditions, phone 868-1922.

### SUTRO HEIGHTS/ SUTRO BATHS

For information, phone 561-4323.

### SWEENEY RIDGE

#### PROGRAMS

#### Coastal Defense

10/21 (1—4 PM)

A strenuous four-mile hike from Skyline College passing remains of a WWII Coast Guard transmitter site and a control site for Cold War missile defense—and onward to where Spanish explorer Gaspar de Portola first saw San Francisco Bay. Led by Pacifica historian Jerry Crow. Bring layers and water. Meet at Skyline College Parking lot #2 in San Bruno. From Skyline Blvd., turn west at College Drive, go south (left) at the "T" intersection and go about ½-mile. Look for sign to parking lot #2. For information phone (415) 561-4323. Leashed pets welcome.

#### San Francisco Bay Discovery Day Hike

11/4 (DETAILS TBA)

Join Park Ranger George Durgerian as we follow in the footsteps of Captain Gaspar de Portola's expedition to Sweeney Ridge, the site where

Europeans first "discovered" the San Francisco Bay. How did the explorers, lost and ailing, discover one of the greatest bays in the world? As in years past, this will be a two-part program, with a presentation and a hike. For information and directions, call (415) 561-4323.

#### Sweeney Ridge Saunter

9/16, 11/18 (11 AM—2 PM)

Walk with Nike veteran David Bridgman to hear about the defense of Sweeney Ridge, from the Spanish explorers to Nike missiles to neighborhood activists—all while enjoying sweeping views of the Pacific and the Bay. Leashed pets welcome. Meet at Skyline College Parking lot #2 in San Bruno. From Skyline Blvd., turn west at College Drive, go south (left) at the "T" intersection and go about ½-mile. Look for sign to parking lot #2. Reservations requested; phone (415) 561-4323.



# PARK PARTNERS



## GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL PARKS CONSERVANCY

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The Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy is the nonprofit membership organization created to preserve the Golden Gate National Parks, enhance the experiences of park visitors, and build a community dedicated to conserving the parks for the future.

We seek private contributions to augment federal funds for the parks and work in collaboration with the National Park Service and the Presidio Trust to improve park sites, enlist volunteers in restoration projects, provide services and education programs for visitors and local communities, and engage diverse audiences in the national parks at the Golden Gate. To learn more about the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, visit our website, [www.parksconservancy.org](http://www.parksconservancy.org), or phone (415) 561-3000.



## THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

The National Park Service (NPS) manages the Golden Gate National Parks, as well as 390 other park sites across the United States. Established in 1916, the mission of the NPS is to conserve the scenery, natural and historic resources, and wildlife within these park lands and to provide for their enjoyment by future generations. For more information, visit [www.nps.gov/goga](http://www.nps.gov/goga), or phone (415) 561-4700.



## THE PRESIDIO TRUST

The Presidio Trust is the federal agency established by Congress in 1996 to preserve the Presidio of San Francisco as an enduring resource for the American people. The Trust has jurisdiction over the interior 1,168 acres of the former military post. For more information, visit [www.presidio.gov](http://www.presidio.gov), or call (415) 561-5300.

### Sign up for Park E-ventures

Subscribe to our monthly e-mail newsletter and be the first to find out about upcoming events, new items in our park stores, volunteer opportunities, and more. Your e-mail address will not be shared with other organizations, and you can easily unsubscribe at any time.

To subscribe, send an e-mail to [membership@parksconservancy.org](mailto:membership@parksconservancy.org). Please include your name and membership number, if applicable.

### Come Join Us!

When you join the Parks Conservancy, you'll be able to take advantage of our unique events and activities just for members and you'll be supporting your Golden Gate National Parks! Your tax-deductible gift will help us protect endangered species and their habitats, preserve landmarks, improve trails, enhance visitor amenities, develop park education programs, and much more. As a Parks Conservancy member, you'll enjoy special benefits and discover the best adventures the parks have to offer!

There are three easy ways to join:

Call: (415) 561-3060

E-mail: [membership@parksconservancy.org](mailto:membership@parksconservancy.org).

Join online at: [www.parksconservancy.org](http://www.parksconservancy.org).

# WEEKLY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

LOCATION	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Habitat Restoration Team	9:30 AM–2:30 PM						
Invasive Plant Patrol				10 AM–2 PM			
Lands End Stewardship					1–4 PM		1–4 PM
Presidio Park Stewards				9 AM–NOON			9 AM–NOON
Presidio Plant Patrol						1–4 PM	
Site Stewardship							10 AM–1 PM
Weed Watchers*	9:30 AM–2 PM				9:30 AM–2 PM		
Fort Funston Nursery							9:30 AM–12:30 PM
Marin Headlands Nursery				1–4 PM			9 AM–NOON
Headlands Seed Collection				9:30 AM–NOON (MAY–SEPT ONLY)			
Presidio Nursery				1–4 PM			1–4 PM
Redwood Creek Nursery				10 AM–1 PM			10 AM–1 PM
Tennessee Valley Nursery			10 AM–NOON, 1–4 PM				
Alcatraz Gardens*				8:30 AM–12:30 PM		8:30 AM–12:30 PM	
Crissy Field Landscape					9 AM–NOON		
Fort Mason Gardeners*			9 AM–NOON				
Trail Crew Volunteers							9 AM–NOON (1ST & 3RD SAT., APR–DEC)
Ocean Beach Cleanup	10 AM–NOON (UNTIL SEPT 30)						10 AM – NOON (1ST SAT.)

## FALL IN LOVE AGAIN WITH THE PARKS!

Make a date with our cherished Golden Gate National Parks this autumn! Help preserve and protect these special places at one of our many drop-in volunteer opportunities available in Marin, San Francisco, and San Mateo counties. All of them offer a great way to meet others who enjoy the parks as much as you do!

Tools and training are provided and no regular time commitment is required. Please wear sturdy shoes, dress in layers (in clothes that you won't mind getting dirty), and be sure to bring water and a lunch or snack.

To learn about the volunteer opportunities listed to the left, see the site-specific pages of this publication, or visit [www.parksconservancy.org/help/volunteer.asp](http://www.parksconservancy.org/help/volunteer.asp).

Most opportunities are drop-in (unless otherwise noted), but we recommend phoning ahead before attending any of these programs, as meeting locations, dates/hours, and work projects may vary. For more information, please call (415) 561-3077.

Volunteer programs are a cooperative, park-wide effort of the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, the National Park Service, and the Presidio Trust.

\* Drop-in not available; please call (415) 561-3077

# GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL PARKS

The Golden Gate National Recreation Area (commonly known as the Golden Gate National Parks) extends 80 miles north and south of the Golden Gate, creating a vast greenbelt along the Pacific Ocean. Within its boundaries are ancient redwoods, historic landmarks, miles of hiking trails, rocky shorelines, rare and endangered species, lush coastal wilderness, and breathtaking vistas. Take an hour, an afternoon, a day, or more and discover the national parks at our doorstep.

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Police/Fire/Ambulance ..... 911

## PARK VISITOR CENTERS, BOOKSTORES, AND CAFÉS

Alcatraz Island Bookstores ..... (415) 561-4922

Alcatraz Ranger Station ..... (415) 561-4900

Crissy Field Center Bookstore and Café Crissy ..... (415) 561-7761

Crissy Field Warming Hut Bookstore and Café ..... (415) 561-3040

Fort Mason/Park Hdqrs. . . . . (M–F)(415) 561-4700  
..... TDD/V (415) 556-2766

Fort Point Visitor Center (Fri–Sun) ..... (415) 556-1693  
..... TDD (415) 561-4399

Marin Headlands Visitor Center ..... (415) 331-1540

Muir Woods Visitor Center ..... (415) 388-2596

Muir Woods Nature Hotline ..... (415) 388-2595

National Park Store at Pier 39 ..... (415) 433-7221

Presidio Visitor Center ..... (415) 561-4323  
..... TTY (415) 561-4314

## ADDITIONAL HELPFUL NUMBERS

Alcatraz Night Tour ..... (415) 561-4926

Alcatraz Program Information ..... (415) 561-4900

Crissy Field Center ..... (415) 561-7690

Fort Mason Center Information Line ..... (415) 345-7544

Golden Gate Club ..... (415) 561-2582

Beach Chalet Visitor Center,  
Golden Gate Park ..... (415) 751-2766

Habitat Restoration Team ..... (415) 561-4848

Historic Nike Missile Site ..... (415) 331-1453

### Native Plant Nurseries

Fort Funston ..... (415) 239-4247

Marin Headlands ..... (415) 332-5193

Muir Woods ..... (415) 383-4390

Presidio ..... (415) 561-4830

Tennessee Valley ..... (415) 331-0732

Pacifica Visitor Center ..... (650) 355-4122

Point Reyes National Seashore ..... (415) 464-5100

Presidio Park Stewards ..... (415) 561-3034 x 3445

San Francisco Maritime  
National Historical Park Museum ..... (415) 561-7100

Site Stewardship Program ..... (415) 561-3073

Stinson Beach Weather ..... (415) 868-1922

Volunteer Information ..... (415) 561-4755

Please call (415) 561-4700 (M–F) for information about park sites not listed on this page.

## NATIONAL PARKS ON THE INTERNET

**GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL RECREATION AREA**  
[www.nps.gov/goga](http://www.nps.gov/goga)

**ALCATRAZ** [www.nps.gov/alcatraz](http://www.nps.gov/alcatraz)

**FORT POINT** [www.nps.gov/fopo](http://www.nps.gov/fopo)

**MUIR WOODS** [www.nps.gov/muwo](http://www.nps.gov/muwo)

**PRESIDIO** [www.nps.gov/prsf](http://www.nps.gov/prsf)

## RELATED WEB SITES

**CRISSY FIELD CENTER** [www.crisseyfield.org](http://www.crisseyfield.org)

**FORT MASON CENTER** [www.fortmason.org](http://www.fortmason.org)

**GOLDEN GATE CLUB** [www.presidio.gov](http://www.presidio.gov)

**GOLDEN GATE RAPTOR OBSERVATORY**  
[www.ggro.org](http://www.ggro.org)

**GULF OF THE FARALLONES NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY** [www.farallones.org](http://www.farallones.org)

**HISTORIC NIKE MISSILE SITE**  
[www.nps.gov/goga/nike-missile-site.htm](http://www.nps.gov/goga/nike-missile-site.htm)

**PRESIDIO TRUST** [www.presidio.gov](http://www.presidio.gov)

**SAN FRANCISCO MARITIME NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK** [www.nps.gov/safr](http://www.nps.gov/safr)

The National Park Service website ([www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov)) includes ParkNet, an online information center for all 390 national park sites.

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